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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2178**

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Takeshi SHIMIZU et al.

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Sir:

In reply to the December 11, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply having been extended to May 11, 2004 by the Notice of Appeal filed on March 11, 2004, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**